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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17, 59-64, 66-74, 92-97, and 101-116 remain in this application. Claims 18-58, 65, 75-91, and 98-100 have been withdrawn without prejudice to effect an election in response to the examiner's restriction requirement. In view of the examiner's restriction requirement, the applicant retains the right to present claims 18-58, 65, 75-91, and 98-100 in a divisional application.

It should be noted that the applicant does not have access to an electronic copy of the claims. Therefore, the claims as presented in this response have been keyed in based on paper records available to the applicant. Accordingly, while the applicant has attempted to submit accurate claim language herein, it is possible that errors are present. The applicant will immediately notify the examiner if the applicant becomes aware of any such errors.

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Applicant believes that the foregoing remarks/arguments fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.
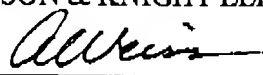
Should the examiner question the allowability of any of the pending claims, the courtesy of a telephonic conference between the examiner and the undersigned attorney at 512-469-6177 is respectfully requested. Alternatively, if the examiner has any questions or concerns that may be addressed by telephone, please do not hesitate to call.

Should any additional fees be required under Rules 1.16 – 1.21 for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Thompson & Knight, LLP's Deposit Account No. 20-0821/500929.000008/AAW.

Respectfully submitted,

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